

# RIVER RIDGE

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February 22, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
U.S. Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

***RE: FY 2011 Appropriation Requests  
River Ridge Development Authority***

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your valuable and continued service in the U.S. Senate on behalf of Hoosiers. Your leadership and devotion as the longest U.S. Senator in Indiana history is both profound and significant. It was a pleasure visiting with you during the One Southern Indiana luncheon in Jeffersonville last August. Your comments on national and international issues were meaningful and revealing to the group.

During our brief visit I mentioned some of the current activities at the River Ridge Development Authority ("RRDA"). Our mission, since creation by the Indiana State Legislature in 1998, is to redevelop the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant ("INAAP") into a thriving business center for the purpose of creating jobs and expanding our regional economy. To date, we have made significant strides to this end by creating over 2,700 jobs and developing 3 million square feet of building space on only 5 percent of the site. It should be noted that this result has been accomplished without federal assistance for onsite infrastructure development.

Given our commitment to the growth and development of Southern Indiana, we need your assistance in obtaining critical funds needed to expand our efforts. With roughly 6,000 acres of the abandoned army facility to be redeveloped, we face major challenges in the conversion process. While we are resolute in our mission, we respectfully request your assistance in obtaining modest amounts of directed federal funding for our project. Specifically, we are requesting an EPA-STAG grant in the amount of \$500,000 and a HUD-EDI grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of defining and developing the most efficient implementation plan for infrastructure development.

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This federal assistance, together with the required local matching funds, will allow us to better and more fully outline our path for the next 20 years. The particulars of our request are provided in the completed online application provided by your staff. Additionally, we will be scheduling a visit with your office in the coming weeks to discuss additional details regarding our requests, goals, and accomplishments.

Thank you again for your effective leadership in the U.S. Senate. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding our request, please contact Mr. Jerry G. Acy, Executive Director of the River Ridge Development Authority, (812) 285-8979 or [Jerry@RiverRidgeCC.com](mailto:Jerry@RiverRidgeCC.com).

Sincerely,



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